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In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2006, in connection with the aboveidentified patent application, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.